

4. (Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein said predetermined period of time is at least 1 day and said predetermined amount of MENT or [MENT Ac] and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof is an amount which is sufficient to render said male subject reversibly sterile each day over said predetermined period.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein said predetermined period of time is a plurality of days and said predetermined amount of MENT or [MENT Ac] and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof is an amount which is sufficient to render said male subject reversibly sterile each day over said predetermined period.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein said predetermined period of time is at least 7 days and said predetermined amount of MENT or [MENT Ac] and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof is an amount which is sufficient to render said male subject reversibly sterile each day over said predetermined period.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein said predetermined period of time is at least 30 days and said predetermined amount of MENT or [MENT Ac] and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof is an amount which is sufficient to render said male subject reversibly sterile each day over said predetermined period.

8. (Amended) The method of claim 5 wherein said predetermined period of time is at least 180 days and said predetermined amount of MENT or [MENT Ac] and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof is an amount which is sufficient to render said male subject reversibly sterile each day over said predetermined period.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein said predetermined [bioavailable] amount of MENT or [MENT Ac ranges] a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, is a bioavailable amount ranging from between about 200 to about 2000 micrograms/day.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 9 wherein said predetermined [bioavailable] amount of MENT or [MENT Ac ranges] a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, is a bioavailable amount ranging from between about 400 to about 1500 micrograms/day.

11. (Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein said predetermined [bioavailable] amount of MENT or [MENT Ac ranges] a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, is a bioavailable amount ranging from between about 500 to about 1000 micrograms/day.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said predetermined [bioavailable] amount of MENT or [MENT Ac ranges] a pharmaceutically acceptable salt

thereof, is a bioavailable amount ranging provides mean steady state serum levels of 1.0 nmol/Liter/day or greater.

Sub 13. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said predetermined amount of androgen is sufficient to provide [provides] said male subject with blood levels of LH and FSH of 2.0 IU/L or less and testosterone of 5 nmol/liter or less.

14. (Amended) The method of claim 13 wherein said predetermined amount of androgen is sufficient to provide [provides] said male subject with blood levels of LH and FSH of 1.5 IU/L or less and testosterone of 4 nmol/liter or less.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said predetermined amount of androgen is sufficient to provide [provides] said male subject with blood levels of LH and FSH of 1.0 IU/L or less and testosterone of 3 nmol/liter or less.

22. (Amended) A male contraceptive [comprising] consisting essentially of: at least a predetermined amount of an androgen which is sufficient to render said male subject reversibly sterile for a predetermined period of time and which provides said male subject with blood levels of LH and FSH of 2.5 IU/L or less and testosterone of 10 nmol/liter or less and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

23. (Amended) The male contraceptive of claim 22 wherein said predetermined amount of [an] said androgen is sufficient to provide [provides] said male subject with blood levels of LH and FSH of 2.0 IU/L or less and testosterone of 5 nmol/liter or less.

24. (Amended) The male contraceptive of claim 23 wherein said predetermined amount of [an] said androgen is sufficient to provide [provides] said male subject with blood levels of LH and FSH of 1.5 IU/L or less and testosterone of 4 nmol/liter or less.

25. (Amended) The male contraceptive of claim 24 wherein said predetermined amount of [an] said androgen is sufficient to provide [provides] said male subject with blood levels of LH and FSH of 1.0 IU/L or less and testosterone of 3 nmol/liter or less.

35. (Amended) A male contraceptive [comprising] consisting essentially of: a predetermined amount of a non-5 α -reducible androgen which is sufficient to render said male subject reversibly sterile for at least one day and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

36. (Amended) The male contraceptive of claim 35 wherein said non-5 α -reducible androgen is MENT[, MENT Ac] or salts thereof provided in a bioavailable amount of between about 500 and about 1000 micrograms per day.

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